

derate and best Temp'd Religion in the World.
 For I appeal now to any Christian, whose Soul is not
 wholly fear'd and flusht, whether that Steam,
 which on Tuesday last, March 17. was led through
 the Principal streets of this City, was
 down with Crosses in their Foreheads, a B.W. in
 Cross on each Shoulder, and a Cross in his
 forehead was not the way? However, and a most
 gross and Ridiculous of the Chief Magistrate of
 Christian Religion. Another Irish was the same
 last Sacred Sign of Mans Redemption was ex-
 posed to the scornful Smiles of the ignorant Crowd,
 and met with None, as I can hear of, that had Reli-
 gion enough to disturb the Profanation.

If this had been a City, I will
 to their own Shame, and to the
 for Abuse or to dishonour any Christian Believer;
 but that this should be done in a Christian City, and

TIS not at all becoming *Christians*, Those
 especially who pretend to *Reform* *Chri-*
stianity according to the *Purity* of the
Primitive Times, to permit amongst
 them such *abominable Profanations*, as speak them
 rather to be Maintainers of *Judaism* or *Infidelity*,
 than Professors of *any Christianity* at all. Upon this
 Score it is I become an Adviser to *Protestants*, be-
 cause I see their Indiscreet Zeal against *Papery*, is
 like to betray them into such Practices, as suit bet-
 ter with the Wilds of *Africa* and Unbelieving *Turks*,
 than with Those, who glory that they are born in
 a Christian Soil, and bred up in the most Mo-

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derate and best Temper'd Religion in the World. For I appeal now to any Christian, whose Soul is not wholly seer'd and stupified, whether That *Shew*, which on *Thursday* last, *March 17.* was led through the Principal Streets of this *Protestant City*, viz. Bears with *Crosses* in their Foreheads, a Bull with a *Cross* on each Horn, a *Mastiff-Dog* with a *Cross* in his Forehead, was not a *Monstrous* of Heaven, and a most prophane Ridiculing of the Chief *Mystery* of the Christian Religion? And yet such was the Pastime of this City, while passing through so many Streets, that Sacred *Sign* of Mans Redemption was expos'd to the scornful Smiles of the Ignorant Crowds, and met with None, as I can hear of, that had Religion enough to disturb the Prophanation.

If this had been acted in a City peopled with *Jews, Infidels or Turks*, it had been only agreeable to their Principles, and would neither have call'd for *Advice* or *Wonder* from any Christian Beholder; but that this should be done in a *Christian City*, and in the middle of *such Christians* too, who pretend to take up nothing of Christianity, but such as is *Reform'd, Pure and Uncorrupt*, 'tis matter of Admiration; and if it should pass without Censure or Reproof, 'twould be a just entitling those Beasts that wore the *Cross* to the *Christianity* of the Town, and give occasion to Forreigners to think, that the Title of Beast did not belong so much to those that bore the *Crosses*, as to the *Lookers on* and *Permitters*, and much more to the Promoters and Applauders of it. I must make bold therefore to tell you, My *Protestants*, that this sort of *Protestancy* is not at all becoming; and that 'tis something to be fear'd, that

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that while some *Hot Spirits* are teaching their Followers to hate *Papery*, they'l put 'em upon overdoing the work, and oblige 'em to be *No Christians*, whilst they are teaching them to be *no Papists*. I thought we had enough of this kind of *Protestantism*, when *Oates* and *Bedloe*, with *Others*, that made *Gospel of Their Divinity*, taught people to be *Barbarous* and *Murderers* for Conscience sake; when *Sir William Waller* joining *Jew* and *Christian* all in one, *Burnt Crucifixes* and *Crosses* for the promoting *Christianity*. But it seems, tho' these be out of the way, their Spirit is yet behind, 'tis kept alive, 'tis encourag'd, animated; They that can expose the Cross to Contempt upon the Foreheads and Horns of Beasts, no doubt are dispos'd enough, were the time come, to close this triumph by committing it to the Flames. O how unlike this is to the Spirit of the Primitive Christians, whose Religion you pretend to follow. You say, you are of the Religion of *Constantine*, *Chrysostome*, *Augustin*, &c. But do you think those Holy Fathers could have seen, heard, or pass'd by such an impious mocking as this, without just indignation and a zealous reproof? *Constantine* honour'd the Cross, and laid it up for the preservation of his Regal City: *Chrysostome* tells us, that Kings have a Cross on their Robes, a Cross on their Crowns, a Cross at their Prayers, a Cross upon their Arms, a Cross upon the Altar; and that a Princes Head is more honour'd with a Cross than with a Crown. *St. Austin* likewise declares, That the Cross is made honourable now amongst Christians, and an end put to its reproach, but not to its Glory: From Places of Execution, 'tis now translated, says he, to the Foreheads

of Emperors: But now how unlike are you to these Ancient Fathers, whilst having torn the Cross from the Altar, you set it out to scorn upon the *Horns* of Beasts, and from the Foreheads of Kings and Christians, and even from your own too in Baptism, you most prophanely translate it to that of *Bears* and *Dogs*, as if it were they who are to fight under the Standard of Christ. Is this the Religion of the Primitive Times? Is this according to the Purity of the Gospel? This kind of Spirit was too Active indeed in the time of the Reformation, but sure the world has had enough of it; there's no need now of trampling upon the Cross to teach us to be Christians, And if this has been now done by the Ignorant Rabble; at least, why do not others, that know better Reprove or Correct it? A Private Person cannot suppose himself wrong'd, but he must presently clear his Reputation: but when Christianity is injur'd, there's no body appears in its behalf: Will not the World cry shame upon such Christians?

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